

Observer: Sue Calder

Aldermen Present: Revelle, chair; Kelly, Wynne, Nieuwsma, Burns, Suffridin and Reid.

Staff Present: Nyden

Start: 6:35pm **End:** 7:19pm

Public Comment

Two opposed the ZBA's recommendation of a convenience store at 518 Davis St: too much traffic in alley, many convenience stores and others within walking distance, many senior living residences nearby.

For Consideration

P1 Special use for a convenience store at 518 Davis.

Kelly objected; Wynne agreed with the public comments; Nieuwsma said we should look to the ZBA; Nyden reported staff had concerns; Reid wanted to know why ZBA recommended; Kelley called the question. Failed with Suffridin and Reid voting Aye.

For Discussion

PD1 Property Standards Procedures.

Staff reported that there are 4 inspectors and 2 vacancies, plus a supervisor. The City is divided into 4 areas and if an inspector is not available (ill, etc.) the that area is covered by the other inspectors until the inspector returns. Many complaints come through 311: if they concern the need for immediate action (no heat, etc.) the inspector visits immediately to determine a plan of action; if not urgent, (garbage, exterior problem, weeds, drainage, lack of snow removal, etc.) a letter is sent and the owner has 14 days to develop a plan of action. If there is a problem with a vacant building the dept. has to determine who owns the property; if it is in foreclosure, the bank must deal with the problem. Suggested ways to improve the system is to take pictures of the property and develop a better system to contact owners. There is a record within the 311 system of the complaints. The City maintains weeds and high grass in public alleys, otherwise the property owner is responsible. The EPD issues tickets for properties that are not brought up to acceptable standards.